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## Friends of the Navy: Lending a Helping Hand

You may ask yourself, "Who are the "Friends of the Navy (FON)" and why should I care? Let me give you the answer, and then, I challenge you to become more familiar with each and every institution in your everyday life.

FON for all practical purposes is an all-encompassing term that includes a multitude of organizations dedicated to helping and assisting Navy personnel while on active duty, in reserve status and into retirement. The three organizations that readily come to mind are the Fleet Reserve Association (FRA), Navy League, and Navy Club of the USA. These three major organizations provide invaluable support not only to

Navy Recruiting and its personnel, but also to the Navy as a whole.

Highlighted in this issue of Navy Recruiter Magazine are various other FON sources and the services that they provide. As you go about your daily business of recruiting, you will begin to recognize many of the FON that are in your local community and the fact that they are out there to help and serve you. Make that contact and increase your resources.

On a different tact, I would like to extend my sincerest congratulations to YN1(AW) Jennifer Rasmussen on her selection as Navy Recruiting Command's Sailor of the Year (SOY). Petty Officer Rasmussen

hails from Melbourne, Fla., and is currently assigned to Naval Reserve Recruiting Area West in Aurora, Colo.,

where she is the Chief Administrator for her unit. The competition was extremely tight among the nine nominees from around the nation. Super job



Rear Adm. Jeffrey L. Fowler  
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YN1, keep up the great work!

Additionally, Master Chief Petty Officer of the Navy (MCPON) Terry Scott recently spoke at the CNRC Senior En-



Photo by JOC Monica Hallman

HM2 David Domingo, USNR, Rear Adm. Jeffrey Fowler and QM1 James Banks, USNR stand in the Navy Recruiting Booth at the career fair held in conjunction with the Black Engineer of the Year Award ceremony. Navy Recruiting District Philadelphia consolidated its active and reserve recruiters, and the Navy Recruiting booths now offer all the information needed to people who are considering the Navy as either a full-time or part-time job.



Photo by WendyCovington

Chip Tarkenton of ESPN interviews Rear Adm. Jeffrey Fowler prior to tip-off of the Central Intercollegiate Athletic Association basketball tournament in Raleigh, N.C., March 3. This was the first year for Navy Recruiting sponsorship of the CIAA tournament.

listed Training Symposium, where he addressed the state of the Navy and various personnel and manpower concerns facing the Navy

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Photo by WendyCovington

Rear Adm. Jeffrey Fowler and Central Intercollegiate Athletic Association (CIAA) Commissioner Leon Kerry discuss the Navy's sponsorship of the CIAA basketball tournament.

today and in the future. The three-day event, sponsored by CNRC, focused on administrative and management issues within the recruiting community. The symposium presented an open forum where information, ideas and solutions were readily discussed among the senior enlisted leaders throughout Navy Recruiting Command. Topics included diversity training, human resource alignment, professional military training, enlisted recruiting policies and active/reserve recruiting consolidation.

I expect each of you leaders in attendance will take the information provided and implement it at your command. These topics are crucial to meeting the mission of today's Navy by keeping our Sailors informed and aware.

And finally, being the son or daughter of a service member poses unique challenges and

needs. Every April, since 1983, the "Month of the Military Child," has been celebrated to emphasize the importance of providing children with quality services and support to help them adjust and succeed in the mobile military lifestyle.

In today's Navy, family is a very important part of our everyday lives. We are committed to taking good care of Sailors' families, and we must ensure they are provided the support they need when they need it. The Navy has a variety of childcare, youth and teen programs in place so that Sailors don't have to worry about what's going on at home as they perform their mission.

One of the newest innovations to be provided is *Operation: Military Child Care* (OMCC). This is a Department of Defense (DoD) initiative to support the child care needs of military parents who are mobilized or deployed in support of the Global War on Terrorism and those who live in communities where no military child care is available or there is a waiting list for child care on base. This is a tremendous program that can help you locate affordable child care options in your local community (find more information about OMCC on page 13).

Keep up the great work shipmates, and keep charging!



A group of Sailors from NRD Jacksonville pose with David Stremme and Vice Adm. Gerald Hoewing, Chief of Naval Personnel after reenlisting at the Daytona 500 Feb 19.

### NASCAR Busch Series At A Glance

April 2	Sharpie Professional 250
April 16	O'Reilly 300
April 22	Bashas' Supermarkets 200
April 30	Aaron's 312
May 6	Diamond Hill Plywood 200
May 13	Funai 250
May 28	CarQuest Auto Parts 300



# Families and the Navy's Ombudsman-at-Large

The support provided by families is crucial to the success of our military and the current war on terrorism. The myriad of programs and policies designed to sustain our global efforts reach from the basic challenges of a PCS move to the on-going, sustained care for our loved ones in times of crisis. For a perspective on the challenges and rewards of these many programs, our Navy Ombudsman-at-Large, Mrs. Doreen Scott, wife of the Master Chief Petty Officer of the Navy shared some thoughts during my recent visit to Washington, DC.

As the first lady of the Navy enlisted ranks, Mrs. Scott has been at the helm of many changes and improvements during the past few years that have directly impacted the lives of all Sailors. From the beginning she has said, "Given an opportunity to serve as the MCPON's spouse is something I never take lightly." When asked what makes her tick inside, her response is simple, yet powerful, "My faith."

"I don't consider myself special," says Mrs. Scott, "I'm just like everyone else. I met MCPON in Virginia Beach ... met as a Seaman and married as a Seaman."



Photo by Seaman Steve P. Miller

Mrs. Doreen Scott, Navy Ombudsman-at-Large and wife of the Master Chief Petty Officer of the Navy (on left) browses through the Recruiter of the Year issue of Navy Recruiter Magazine with Mrs. Antigone Doucette (on right). Of her duties as Ombudsman-at-Large she says, "As Ombudsman-at-Large, I look forward to traveling to see our Navy families and to find out how you're doing. If something works for you, I'd like to know about it so that we can duplicate it elsewhere. If something is not working, I'd like to know that, too, so that we can address the issue and hopefully, find a solution to the problem."

After 25 years of marriage and an incomprehensible range of experiences, she says, "What I appreciate about being a Navy family member is what our Sailors do and their lifestyle. It is a privilege and I am proud to serve."

Naturally, it is not inevitable that the needs of any one individual will align themselves perfectly with what is best for the Navy and the nation; however, Mrs. Scott shared her wisdom, "It's not simply all about self or an individual family, it is the value of the big picture ... there are times when you have to take a back seat, not downgraded, simply a back seat and recognize some things are bigger than we are ... there is a real give and take."

"From childhood I learned that family is important," added Mrs. Scott. "Each time I visit a family member at Bethesda (*primary military hospital for military personnel wounded in Iraq/Afghanistan*) it is to share the gratitude of the nation ... there are just so many ways that Ombudsman are vital to a command. We must embrace the work to be done for our Navy families."

Like her husband, Mrs. Scott has priorities. Her self-prescribed priorities are:

- The Ombudsman – recognizing the importance of the job, not the person.
- CPO Spouse – support during the transition season.
- Development – spouses of senior personnel must engage with our newest Navy family members.
- Awareness – increase the awareness of the importance and programs for Navy families.
- Communication – provide communication path between spouses and Navy leadership.

In closing the meeting, Mrs. Scott smilingly noted one of the greatest rewards of being part of the Navy family ... "The Navy has provided opportunities all over the world that otherwise would not have been."



CNOCM(AW/SW) Evelyn Banks  
CNO Directed Command Master Chief



# The Day in The Life of A Military Child

Story and photos by Office of CNRC CNOCM

Local teenagers gathered together on March 5 to celebrate a day of education, companionship, and share their experiences and world view on a number of topics. They answered the call to explore the contrast of being a military child and celebrate the impact of today's youth and the lifestyle of the Navy family. Given scant information before hand, these future leaders volunteered to participate in what proved to be an educational and rewarding experience for all.

Activities throughout the day included the decision to participate in a combined donation to a local shelter for battered women. "A lot of people give to the children and hospitals in Memphis," said Amber Stewart. "The chance to give to battered women will help them because they are too often forgotten about."

"It feels so good to be able to donate our collective money to the battered women," said Brittany Fowler, "I really hope the money helps out."

As the conversation turned to generation shaping events, the focus was on Sept. 11, 2001. While various perspectives were shared on the events of that fateful morning and the disruption to classes, schools, and schedules, there were differences in perspective on the initial meaning. The personal concerns, the ability by the military children to articulate the on-going impact to their world today, and the solemnity with which the topic was discussed brought a new dimension of personal clarity to all. "The conversation on Iraq and the 9-11 tragedy was



(From left to right) Keith Ferguson, son of PNCS Patricia Ferguson of N1; Brittany Fowler, daughter of Rear Adm. Jeffrey Fowler; Amber Stewart, daughter of Elaine Stewart of Memphis; Shawn Duncan, son of NCCM David Duncan of N3; and Adrienne Cowan, daughter of Bernard and Constance Cowan of Memphis.

very insightful," said Adrienne Stewart.

Other events included lunch, laser-tag, virtual roller-coaster rides, and shopping. All who participated gained a well-rounded perspective on their shared experiences, generational perspectives, and the impact history has played on their lives. Brittany, Keith, and Shawn's parents have been serving in the military since before each of them were born and have literally covered the globe in their cumulative history of residences. Amber and Adrienne were born and raised in the Memphis / Desoto area and have been friends since their pre-school days. As each shared the advantages and disadvantages of frequent moves, vice living in one place, it became evident that every one of these young people has extracted and distilled from their own life experiences, the best life has to offer. The common thread that weaves them together was respect for one another, a passion for life and change, and a humble acceptance of other viewpoints.

Right - Adrienne Cowan (left) and Amber Stewart (right) are all smiles after a rousing virtual roller coaster ride. Amber said, "I was treated like a princess today, with dignity, honor and respect." Beyond the entertainment, the respect for one another proved to be the foundation upon which new friendships were formed throughout the day.



Below - Amber Stewart makes notes on the decision processes the group shared throughout the day to reach consensus on community service, charitable contribution, entertainment and use of free time.



Below - Like his peers, technically savvy Keith Ferguson browses through a selection of photos on a home computer. Although the preferred method of communication with friends remains the telephone, today's teenagers are adept at text messaging, IM (internet messaging), and cell-transmitted photos in their every-day communication with friends. Revolution in technology is something today's youth migrates too quickly. Over lunch, the group of teenagers identified a number of things they have that did not exist when their parents were in high school ... ATM machines, cell phones, personal computers, the Internet, E-mail accounts, and GPS in cars were just a few of the innovations they have grown up with in their lifetimes.



Far left - Adrienne Cowan opens up a gift for her birthday during the activities that spanned a full day of discussion, games, and shopping.

Left - Brittany Fowler checks out the contents of a gift bag that was presented to each person as a memento of appreciation for their willingness to spend a Saturday sharing in community service and fellowship with other teens.



Left - A recent graduate of Munford High School, Shawn Duncan has traveled extensively throughout the United States during his life. At 18, and the oldest in the group, Shawn demonstrated the solid leadership skills of deference, delegation and democratic voice in activities throughout the day. Passionate about cars, music and art, he said of his day, "I really enjoyed spending the day and getting to know everyone."





# CNRC Sailor Of the Year Banquette

Photos and Story by PHC(NAO) Chris Desmond  
CNRC

Commander, Navy Recruiting Command recently held the annual Sailor of the Year Banquet and recognition ceremony at the Holiday Inn Select in Memphis, Tenn. The top nine Sailors from across CNRC were invited to the event where Master Chiefs on the SOY board decided which applicant best represented themselves and their units.

Candidates for the SOY were: AD1(AW) Blair Roy, HQ CNRC; AW1(AW/NAC) Steven Keady, Pacific Career Information Team; PN1 Angelique Johnson, Reserve Recruiting Area Northwest; YN1(AW) Jennifer Rasmussen, Naval Reserve Recruiting Area West; YN1(FPJ) Scott Abboud, Navy Recruiting District Omaha; YN1(AW/SW) Jeffrey Aimone, Navy Recruiting District Michigan; PN1(SW) Tara Polly, Naval Reserve Recruiting Area South; IT1(SW) Chrystal Naylor, Navy Recruiting Orientation Unit; and PN1(SW) Oncil Deer, Navy Recruiting District Philadelphia.

The banquet was held in conjunction with CNRC's Senior Enlisted Training Symposium. This gave the candidates and senior enlisted leaders from across Navy Recruiting an opportunity to meet and get to know each other.

Pomp and circumstance started the evening with a Navy/Marine Corps Color Guard, National Anthem and the introduction of the service flags represented by a member of each branch of the Department of Defense. A POW / MIA recognition ceremony was performed along with a bell-ringing ceremony that recognized fallen service members.

Master Chief Evelyn Banks, CNRC CNOCMC, offered a toast to the crowd before dinner was served. She then introduced Rear Adm. Jeffrey Fowler, Commander, Navy Recruiting Command, as he addressed the candidates and the guests.

All nominees were awarded a Navy Achievement Medal for their performance before Rear Adm. Fowler announced that YN1(AW) Jennifer Rasmussen had been selected as Navy Recruiting Command's Sailor of the Year.

"I was quite humbled," said Rasmussen, "to be selected as the recipient of this award in a field of such outstanding candidates is truly an honor." Rasmussen, a 29-year-old from Melbourne, Fla., is assigned to Naval Reserve Recruiting Area West in Aurora, Colo., where she is the Chief Administrator for her unit.

More than 200 people from across Navy Recruiting Command attended the banquet.



Right - Rear Adm. Jeffrey Fowler awards YN1(AW/SW) Jeffrey Aimone a Navy Achievement Medal during the Sailor of the Year Banquet in Memphis.

Top - Sailor of the Year candidates along with Rear Adm. Fowler and Master Chief Evelyn Banks cut the cake at the conclusion of the SOY Banquet. Above - Master Chief Banks addresses the guests and participants during the Sailor of the Year Banquet. Banks offered a toast and introduced Rear Adm. Fowler as the guest speaker during the ceremony.





Top right - YN1(AW) Jennifer R. Rasmussen was named Commander, Navy Recruiting Command's Sailor of the Year (SOY) for 2004. Rasmussen took top honors in a field of Navy Recruiting Command's top nine Sailors from across the nation. Middle right - PN1(SW) Onell Deer receives his Navy Achievement Medal certificate from Rear Adm. Jeffrey Fowler during the SOY Banquet. Bottom left - Decked out in their Dinner Dress uniforms, members from across Navy Recruiting Command sit down for their meal at the SOY Banquet and awards ceremony. Bottom right - CNRC's AD1(AW) Blair Roy and his wife Christy were among the 200 people on hand for the SOY Banquet in Memphis.

# Friends of the Navy: Supporting you!

Story by Steve Hendrickson  
CNRC

“Friends of the Navy” (FON) are a multitude of organizations spread throughout the nation dedicated to help all members of the Navy while on active duty, in the reserves, or retired. These organizations provide a myriad of services ranging from burial assistance to war relief. Each one is unique, yet similar in their efforts to support you. Familiarize yourself with the ones provided below, but also realize that these are not the only FON available to you. The list is seemingly endless and many more can be found in your local area and on the Internet.

## **American Legion**

The American Legion was chartered by Congress in 1919 as a patriotic, mutual-help, war-time veterans organization. A community-service organization which now numbers nearly 3 million members — men and women — in nearly 15,000 American Legion Posts worldwide. The American Legion’s national headquarters is in Indianapolis, Ind., with additional offices in Washington, DC. In addition to thousands of volunteers serving in leadership and program implementation capacities in local communities to the Legion’s standing national commissions and committees, the national organization has a regular full-time staff of about 300 employees ([www.legion.org](http://www.legion.org)).

## **Boy Scouts of America**

The purpose of the Boy Scouts of America—incorporated on February 8, 1910, and chartered by Congress in 1916—is to provide an educational program for boys and young adults to build character, to train in the responsibilities of participating citizenship, and to develop personal fitness. Community-based organizations receive national charters to use the Scouting program as a part of their own youth work. These groups, which have goals compatible with those of the BSA, include religious, educational, civic, fraternal, business, and labor organizations; governmental bodies; corporations; professional associations; and citizens’ groups ([www.scouting.org](http://www.scouting.org)).

## **Disabled American Veterans**

Treaties are signed and the battles of nations end, but the personal battles of those disabled in war only begin when the guns fall silent. These men and women must struggle to regain health, reshape lives shattered by disability, learn new trades or professions, and rejoin the civilian world. At each step, they need help to help themselves. For three quarters of a century now, that aid has come from the Disabled American Veterans (DAV), a nonprofit organization of more than one

million veterans disabled during time of war or armed conflict.

Formed in 1920 and chartered by Congress in 1932, the million-member DAV is the official voice of America’s service-connected disabled veterans — a strong, insistent voice that represents all of America’s 2.1 million disabled veterans, their families and survivors. Its nationwide network of services — free of charge to all veterans and members of their families — is totally supported by membership dues and contributions from the American public ([www.dav.org](http://www.dav.org)).

## **Fleet Reserve Association**

The Fleet Reserve Association (FRA) is a nonprofit organization comprised of enlisted personnel (active duty, reserve, and retired) of the U.S. Navy, Marine Corps and Coast Guard. Our membership includes approximately 122,000 dues-paying Shipmates who belong to one of FRA’s more than 300 Branches, or are carried on the Membership-at-Large rolls. FRA Shipmates uphold a 80-year tradition of Loyalty, Protection and Service. As a congressionally chartered association, FRA’s mission is to act as the premiere “watch dog” organization in maintaining and improving the Quality of Life for Sea Service personnel. Since 1924, FRA has been a leading advocate on Capitol Hill for the men and women who serve on active duty, in the reserve, or have joined the military retired community ([www.fra.org](http://www.fra.org)).

## **Military Officers Association**

An independent, nonprofit, politically nonpartisan organization, MOAA is operated exclusively to benefit members of the uniformed services — active duty,



Photo by PH2 Class Kelly Swaby

Mark Lowe and the scouts of Boys Scouts of America Troop 29 of Lynchburg, Va., watch the performance of Sean Tucker, who flies the Oracle bi-plane at the Sept. 24, 2004 “In Pursuit of Liberty,” Naval Air Station (NAS) Oceana Air Show.



former and retired, National Guard and Reserve — and their families and survivors. MOAA is dedicated to preserving their earned entitlements and to maintaining a strong national defense. Six out of 10 retired officers belong to MOAA, as do more than 30,000 active duty officers. The association plays an active role in military personnel matters and especially proposed legislation affecting the career force, the retired community, and veterans of the uniformed services. MOAA was founded in Los Angeles on Feb. 23, 1929. Today, with approximately 380,000 members and reincorporated in Virginia, MOAA is the country's largest military officers' association ([www.moaa.org](http://www.moaa.org)).

### **Navy Club of the USA**

Precisely at 2 bells, evening watch, 18 June 1938, at a Navy Veterans Reunion in Quincy Illinois; a new and powerful organization, The Navy Club of the United States of America, was launched. At that hour, a Constitution and By-Laws was adopted to govern this unique and colorful group, speaking the language of the men who go down to the sea in ships. The objects of this Association are to further, encourage, promote, and maintain comradeship among our members, to revere, honor, and perpetuate the memory of our departed shipmates; and to promote and encourage further public interest in the United States Navy and its history and to uphold the spirit and ideals of our Navy ([www.navyclubusa.org](http://www.navyclubusa.org)).

### **Navy League & Sea Cadets**

The Navy League of the United States was founded in 1902 with the encouragement of President Theodore Roosevelt. The Navy League is unique among military-oriented associations in that it is a civilian organization dedicated to the education of our citizens, including our elected officials, and the support of the men and women of the sea services and their families. The Navy League works closely with the Navy, Marine Corps, Coast Guard, and US-flag Merchant Marine through a network of over 330 councils in the United States and around the world and has nearly 75,000 active members. The Navy League supports America's young people through its youth programs, including sponsorship of the US Naval Sea Cadet Corps and the Navy League Scholarship Program. Individual councils are also involved in promoting youth-oriented activities in their communities such as NJROTC, MCJROTC, and ROTC units along with other recognized youth programs. Local councils and national headquarters provide over \$25,000 scholarships and awards every year. Navy League councils support active duty military personnel through "adoption" of ships, installa-

tions, and units; commissioning ceremonies; award programs; and other recognition programs ([www.navyleague.org](http://www.navyleague.org)).

### **NROTC & NJROTC**

The NROTC Program was established to educate and train qualified young men and women for service as commissioned officers in the unrestricted line Naval Reserve or Marine Corps Reserve. As the largest single source of Navy and Marine Corps officers, the NROTC Scholarship Program plays an important role in preparing mature young men and women for leadership and management positions in an increasingly



Photo by PH3 Joseph Buliavac

Vice Adm. Emmett Tidd (Ret.), Commander, Navy Recruiting Command (1972-1975), addresses the 2004 Recruiters of the Year at the Navy Club of the USA luncheon Dec. 2, 2004. Tidd developed the Recruiter of the Year program. Gene Bockofen, National Executive Secretary, Navy Club of the USA, looks on.

technical Navy and Marine Corps.

Selected applicants for the NROTC Scholarship Program are awarded scholarships through a highly competitive national selection process. Upon graduation, midshipmen are commissioned as officers in the unrestricted line Naval Reserve or Marine Corps Reserve ([www.nrotc.navy.mil](http://www.nrotc.navy.mil)).

The NJROTC program mission is to instill in students in United States secondary educational institutions the values of citizenship, service to the United States, personal responsibility and a sense of accomplishment ([www.njrotc.navy.mil](http://www.njrotc.navy.mil)).

### **Non Commissioned Officers Association**

NCOA was established in 1960 to enhance and maintain the quality of life for non-commissioned and petty officers in all branches of the Armed Forces, National Guard and Reserves. The Association offers its members a wide range of benefits and services designed especially for current and former enlisted service members and their families. Those benefits include: social improvement programs to help ensure your well-being during your active military career, your



transition to civilian life and throughout your retirement, legislative representation to serve as your legislative advocate on issues that affect you and your family, through our National Capital

Office in Alexandria, VA, and services to help save you money through merchant program discounts ([www.ncoausa.org](http://www.ncoausa.org)).

### **U.S. Navy Memorial Foundation and Naval Heritage Center**

The United States Navy Memorial Foundation, founded in 1977, honors all who have served in the sea services and perpetuates their heritage, values and traditions. Organized as a tax-exempt, 501(c)(3) non-profit corporation, the Foundation is governed by a board of distinguished leaders from the public and private sector. Admiral William Crowe, USN (Ret.) is Chairman of the Board; Rear Adm. Edward Walker, Jr., SC, USN (Ret.) is Acting President and Chief Executive Officer of the Navy Memorial Foundation. By combining scholarship with granite and bronze, the Navy Memorial Foundation has erected a durable bridge between American citizens and their



Photo by JOC Sandra V. Ramirez

George E. Anderson Jr., Navy League of the United States Fort Lauderdale Council secretary, presents ABF3(AW) Ezequiel Altamirano of NRD Miami with a plaque and \$100 check for his selection as the 2004 Broward County Recruiter of the Year.

naval services — past, present, and future.

### **The Lone Sailor**

The Lone Sailor statue represents all people who ever served, are serving now or who are yet to serve in the Navy. The Lone Sailor is a composite of the U.S. Navy bluejacket, past, present and future. He's called the Lone Sailor, yet he is hardly ever alone, standing there on the broad granite plaza which forms the amphitheater of the Navy Memorial ([www.lonesailor.org](http://www.lonesailor.org)).

### **USO**

Since before the United States entered World War II, the USO (United Service Organizations) has been a bridge between the American people and the U.S. military. In times of peace and war, the USO has consistently delivered its special brand of comfort, morale and recreational services to service members and their families. A nonprofit, congressionally chartered, private organization, the USO relies on the generosity of individuals, organizations and corporations to support USO activities. The USO is not part of the U.S. Government but is endorsed by the President of the United States and the Department of Defense. Each President has been the Honorary Chairman of the USO since its inception. The USO mission is to provide morale, welfare and recreation-type services to our men and women in uniform. The original intent of Congress—and enduring

style of USO delivery—is to represent the American people by extending a touch of home to the military ([www.uso.org](http://www.uso.org)).

### **Vietnam Veterans**

Founded in 1978, Vietnam Veterans of America, Inc. is the only national Vietnam veterans organization congressionally chartered and exclusively dedicated to Vietnam-era veterans and their families. VVA'S founding principle is "Never again shall one generation of veterans abandon another." It's goals are to promote and support the full range of issues important to Vietnam veterans, to create a new identity for this generation of veterans, and to change public perception of Vietnam veterans. With more than 50,000 individual members the VVA offers Government Relations Advocacy on a range of veterans issues, National Task Force for Homeless Veterans, health care for veterans, including disabled veterans, issues pertaining to women and minority veterans, a national scholarship fund, and assistance to veterans seeking benefits/services from the government ([www.vva.org](http://www.vva.org)).

### **Veterans of Foreign Wars**

The VFW, with its Auxiliaries, includes 2.4 million members in approximately 9,000 Posts worldwide. Our accomplishments are many, including lobbying for a GI bill for the 20th century; donating more than \$1 million each to the

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## **Upcoming Blue Angels Shows**

April 2-3	NAS Fort Worth, TX
April 9-10	NAS Corpus Christi, TX
April 16-17	Wilmington, NC
April 23-24	Vidalia, GA
April 30-May 1	Springfield, IL
May 7-8	MCAS Cherry Point, NC
May 14-15	Barksdale AFB, LA
May 21-22	Selfridge ANG, MI
May 24-25	USNA
May 27	USNA Fly-By
May 28-29	NAS Willow Grove, PA



# Operation: Military Child Care

## Recruiters to receive more family support

Story by Steve Hendrickson  
CNRC

One of the newest innovations to be provided to Navy families is Operation: Military Child Care (OMCC). This is a Department of Defense (DoD) initiative to support the child care needs of military parents who are mobilized or deployed in support of the Global War on Terrorism (GWOT) and those who live in communities where no military child care is available or there is a waiting list for child care on base.

The purpose of OMCC is to provide assistance in locating, selecting and paying for quality civilian child care for eligible active duty and activated reserve Navy families. Eligibility is based on whether or not your family has one or more parent deployed/mobilized in support of GWOT, your family lives in a remote or isolated area with no access to military child care because of their geographic location, or because the military operated program near you does not offer the service or the program is full.

According to CNOCM(AW/SW) Evelyn Banks, Navy Recruiting Command, Force Master Chief, "This is yet another great initiative to serve Sailors and their families. Particularly with recruiters serving in rural and inland communities, I feel it is another step in the right direction to enhance our overall processes for quality of life and service."

The process for Navy families seeking military-

sponsored civilian child care is simple:

- The family member contacts Child Care Aware toll-free at 1-800-424-2246 or via the web at [www.childcareaware.org](http://www.childcareaware.org).
- NACCRRRA staff collects information from the family member to determine eligibility and child care needs.
- Families can enroll using the NACCRRRA Military Programs web site at [www.naccrrra.org/militaryprograms](http://www.naccrrra.org/militaryprograms) (applications will also be accepted electronically, by mail, or fax).
- The process will generally be complete within 1-5 business days after receipt of the family's application and information from the participating child care program.
- The family will pay the approved reduced fee directly to their local child care program/provider. NACCRRRA will pay the subsidy to the child care program/provider.

The OMCC programs will help eligible families locate care options in the local civilian community and help to reduce their child care fees in military sponsored, licensed or legally operating child care centers or family child care homes. For more information go to the websites mentioned above or call the Child Care Aware Hotline at 1-800-424-2246.

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Vietnam, Korean, Women in the Service and World War II memorials; fighting for compensation to veterans diagnosed with Gulf War Syndrome; and improving VA medical centers services for women veterans. Annually, VFW members and its Auxiliary contribute more than 13 million hours of volunteerism in the community. From providing \$2.5 million in college scholarships to high school students every year to encouraging elevation of the Veterans Administration to the president's cabinet, the VFW is there—honoring the dead by helping the living ([www.vfw.org](http://www.vfw.org)).

## **Adm. Clark to retire as CNO, Adm. Mullen nominated for job**

Adm. Vern Clark, 27th Chief of Naval Operations, confirmed Feb. 7 that he plans to retire from active duty this summer. President George Bush has nominated Adm. Michael G. Mullen as Clark's successor.

"It's been the thrill of my life to be able to lead the Navy at a time like this. It has been thrilling for Connie and me." Clark is the second-longest serving CNO in the Navy's history, assuming duties July 21, 2000.



Adm. Vern Clark



Adm. Michael G. Mullen

# National Furniture Program gives a new look to Navy recruiting stations

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Navy recruiting stations are getting a face-lift. The National Furniture Program (NFP), which is the responsibility of CNRC Human Resources & Logistics, will be replacing all of the old and out-of-style office furniture currently in Navy recruiting stations.

The program will provide new furniture to all stations in the next five years. Each NRD will determine the order of need. It will create a more business-like atmosphere for the recruiters and their customers.

"It is our goal for the program to take on a unique brand identity where each office will look the same no matter if it is in New York City or San Francisco," said John Curry, CNRC's NFP Manager.



DEPpers wait for a DEP meeting in the recently opened NRS Ocean Side in San Diego California. The Station was designed using the NFP.

CNRC has partnered with UNICOR and the NRDs to achieve the 5-year program goal.

"The idea behind the plan is that the NFP Manager will coordinate and consolidate all future furniture requirements and orders for the field, prioritize and fund accordingly," Curry stated. One of the benefits of the program is the bulk furniture purchases, enabling CNRC to get the best deal for the taxpayer as well as take some of the burden off of the field Logistic Supply Officers.

"The highlights of the program include on-time delivery, professional installation and for the vendor to take the old stuff to the local DRMO," Curry said. Formerly, the setup and disposal was performed locally to include recruiting station staff.

ABH1(AW/SW) Ron Burton, a recruiter out of

newly remodeled NRS Louisville, stated that the furniture was comfortable and durable. He liked having someone else come in to set up the furniture and not take away from the station's production time. "We can continue to do business as normal putting people in the Navy," he said. CNRC tested the centralized funding and ordering project in August with nine stations in NRD Nashville.

The new Mega Station in Oceanside, Calif. that opened in October to serve as an integrated active and Reserve recruiting station was designed with the new furniture.

"This is an awesome station. It's the most professional looking office I've been in," said BM2(SW) Erik Simpson. "I'm proud to have guests and applicants come in and see how we do business."

Starting in January, 275 stations located in 31 states will be outfitted by the program. CNRC's Human Resources & Logistics is also researching the possibility of having the stations painted and re-carpeted at the same time that the new furniture is delivered.

"We hope to test this phase of the project during the spring," Curry said.

For more information on the NFP, contact Mr. John Curry (901-874-9119) or LCDR Tarey Isbell CEC Staff Civil Engineer (901-874-9168).



Vice Adm. David L. Brewer, III, Commander Military Sealift Command, and a team of distinguished naval service professionals visited a number of Chicago public high schools in February 05 and participated in the Chicago Public Schools Scholarship Fair as part of the Naval Service Leadership Youth Forum (NSLYF).





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*CS1(AW) Sheldon Willis*  
NRS Georgetown

#### **NRD Buffalo**

*ET3 Josue Saldana*  
NRS Peekskill  
*ABE2(AW/SW) Jefferey Russell*  
NRS Horseheads

#### **NRD Chicago**

*BM2(SW/AW) Heather Barcus*  
NRS Waukegan  
*IT2 Eric Schaufele*  
NRS Hammond

#### **NRD Dallas**

*CTR1(SW) Robert Chambers*  
NRS Plano  
*CTR2(SW/AW) Reginald Epps*  
NRS Mesquite

#### **NRD Denver**

*ET2 Gregory Longmont*  
NRS Colorado Station  
*GSE2 Christopher Peterson*  
NRS North Valley

#### **NRD Houston**

*DK1(SW) Eleazar Arreola*  
NRS Texas City  
*AT1(AW) Preston Harston*  
NRS Conroe  
*AE2(AW) Jerry Jimenez*  
NRS Lake Jackson

#### **NRD Los Angeles**

*CTM2 Christopher Carter*  
NRS PearlrIDGE  
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NRS Alhambra  
*FC2 Christopher Puhek*  
NRS West Bakersfield

#### **NRD Miami**

*AT2(AW) Todd Frey*  
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NRS West St. Paul

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NRS West Lebanon

#### **NRD New Orleans**

*FC2 Jeffrey Prestwood*  
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NRS Chesterfield  
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NRS Little Creek  
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NRS Norfolk  
*BM2(SW/AW) Stephen Ashely-Wolfgang Huff*  
NRS Woodbridge  
*CTR2(SW/AW) Paul Boughter*  
NRS Lynnhaven  
*ET2 Jason Dalrymple*  
NRS Fairfax

#### **NRD Pittsburgh**

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NRS Mechanicsburg

#### **NRD San Diego**

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NRS Victorville

#### **NRD San Francisco**

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NRS Visalia  
*STG1(SW) Robert Cole*  
NRS Hansford  
*BM2(SW) Brandley Sinoc*  
NRS West Sacramento  
*BM2(SW) Omar Navarro*  
NRS Vallejo

#### **NRD Seattle**

*MMC(SW/AW) Knut Hoelstad*  
NRS Kalispell

#### **NRD St. Louis**

*BM2(SW) Christopher Clenney*  
NRS Jackson



### **Region South**

Small Station  
NRS Selma  
NRD Montgomery

Medium Station  
NRS Boardman  
NRD Ohio

Large Station  
NRS St. Petersburg  
NRD Miami

### **Region West**

Small Station  
NRS Kalispell  
NRD Seattle

Medium Station  
NRS Visalia  
NRD San Francisco

Large Station  
NRRS San Diego  
NRRR Pacific

### **Region North**

Small Station  
NRS Columbia  
NRD Philadelphia

Medium Station  
NRS Auburn  
NRD New England

Large Station  
NRS Durham  
NRD Raleigh

### **Region Central**

Small Station  
NRS West St. Paul  
NRD Minneapolis

Medium Station  
NRS Texas City  
NRD Houston

Large Station  
NRS Conroe  
NRD Houston

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